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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

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SUBJ: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: MAY 24 WESTERN PLENARY STATEMENT

AT THE 170TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH WAS HELD ON MAY 24 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF CZECHOSLOVAK REP (KEBLUSEK), UK REP (BOLLAND) DELIVERED THE ONLY STATEMENT.

IN IT, BOLLAND FOCUSSED ON THAT PART OF THE NEW WESTERN INITIATIVE WHICH DEALS WITH PHASE I COMMITMENTS BY NON-US WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS WITH RESPECT TO THEIR PHASE II REDUCTIONS. THE MAIN POINTS OF THE UK STATEMENT, THE FULL TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM, WERE:

1) THE WEST INTRODUCED NEW PROPOSALS ON APRIL 19 WHICH ARE INTENDED TO MOVE THE NEGOTIATIONS IN A DECISIVE WAY
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TOWARD AN AGREEMENT WHICH CONFORMS TO THE AGREED OBJECTIVES OF THESE TALKS.

2) WESTERN POLITICAL LEADERS HAVE CONFIRMED THEIR STRONG INTEREST IN EARLY PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

3) THE WESTERN INITIATIVE ADDRESSES THE MAJOR EASTERN INTEREST

IN RECEIVING CLEAR GUARANTEES IN PHASE I THAT WESTERN EUROPEAN
DIRECT PARTICIPANTS AND CANADA WILL REDUCE THEIR FORCES IN
PHASE II AND EASTERN OBJECTIONS TO WITHDRAWING AN ENTIRE SOVIET
TANK ARMY IN PHASE I.

4) THIS STATEMENT DEALS WITH THE FIRST OF THESE ISSUES.

5) THE WEST PREVIOUSLY TOOK ADEQUATE STEPS TO MEET EASTERN CONCERNS
IN THIS REGARD BY: A) PROVIDING ASSURANCES THAT PHASE II
NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BEGIN WITHIN A FIXED PERIOD OF TIME AFTER
PHASE I; B) PROPOSING THAT A PHASE I AGREEMENT BE SUBJECT
TO A REVIEW AFTER A SPECIFIED PERIOD; C) OFFERING A COMMITMENT
IN PHASE I THAT PHASE II REDUCTIONS WOULD COMPLETE MOVEMENT TO
A COMMON CEILING; AND D) OFFERING A COMMITMENT THAT ALL NON-US
WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS WOULD REDUCE IN PHASE II.

6) HOWEVER, IN KEEPING WITH ITS CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO THESE
TALKS, THE WEST HAS NOW GONE FURTHER BY OFFERING A BINDING
COMMITMENT IN PHASE I ON THE OVERALL AMOUNT AND TIMING OF THE
REDUCTIONS NON-US WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL CARRY OUT
IN PHASE II.

7) UNDER THE NEW WESTERN PROPOSALS, THE OVERALL TOTAL OF
REDUCTIONS IN PHASE II BY THE NON-US WESTERN PARTICIPANTS AND
BY THE US NECESSARY TO REACH AN AGREED COMMON CEILING WILL
BE SPECIFIED IN PHASE I.

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8) ALTHOUGH WESTERN PARTICIPANTS ARE CONVINCED THAT THEIR PREVIOUS POSITION PROVIDED ADEQUATE ASSURANCE REGARDING THE TIMING OF PHASE II REDUCTIONS, THEY ARE PREPARED, IN ORDER TO MEET EASTERN CONCERNS, TO SPECIFY A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF A PHASE I AGREEMENT AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE II REDUCTIONS.

9) THIS COMMITMENT MEANS THAT ALL NON-US WESTERN AND NON-SOVIET EASTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE OBLIGATED TO UNDERTAKE REDUCTIONS AT THE LATEST WITHIN THREE YEARS OF THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF A PHASE I AGREEMENT.

10) THE WEST HAS PROPOSED TWO ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE II REDUCTIONS:

A) UNDER THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE, PHASE II REDUCTIONS WOULD BE DIVIDED INTO TWO STAGES IN EACH OF WHICH BOTH EAST AND WEST

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WOULD REDUCE BY AN EQUAL PERCENTAGE OF THE AGREED OVERALL PHASE II REDUCTION FOR ITS SIDE BUT WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL SOVIET REDUCTIONS IN THE FIRST STAGE.

B) UNDER THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE, PHASE II REDUCTIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN A SINGLE STEP.

11) IN BOTH CASES, THE SCOPE OF PHASE II REDUCTIONS WOULD BE SPECIFIED IN PHASE I ON THE BASIS OF AGREED DATA.

12) THE WESTERN PROPOSALS PROVIDE FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF THE MODALITIES OF PHASE II REDUCTIONS IN PHASE II NEGOTIATIONS, A POSITION IN COMPLETE CONFORMITY WITH THE CONCEPT UNDERLYING THE EASTS FEBRUARY 1976 PROPOSAL.

13) IN SUM, THE WESTERN PROPOSALS OFFER THE EAST BINDING COMMITMENTS ON PHASE II REDUCTIONS BY WESTERN EUROPEAN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS AND CANADA AND, AS A RESULT, THE EAST CANNOT CLAIM THAT THE WESTERN POSITION ON THIS ISSUE IS AN OBSTACLE TO PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

14) THE REDUCTION COMMITMENT BEING PROPOSED FOR NON-US WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IS A COLLECTIVE ONE SINCE THE INTERNAL COMPOSITION OF THE REDUCTIONS OF THESE COUNTRIES CANNOT BECOME A SUBJECT FOR EAST/WEST NEGOTIATIONS.

15) THESE PROPOSALS MEET THE EASTERN REQUIREMENT FOR BINDING PHASE I REDUCTION COMMITMENTS BY ALL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS.

16) THE WESTERN PROPOSALS ALSO PROVIDE A SOLUTION TO THE ISSUE OF PHASE I US AND SOVIET REDUCTIONS AND THUS, IF AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON DATA, PROVIDE A BASIS FOR REACHING AN EARLY AGREEMENT LEADING TO A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF THE MILITARY CONFIDENTIAL

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